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I've betrayed Takashi and can no longer be by his side." Takahashi has discovered that the reason for Shou's cold attitude is from the fear of having his love rejected by Takashi. Nursing his unrequited love for Takashi in his chest, Shou plans to disappear from Takashi's life. To stop him from doing so, however, Takashi decides to [illegible] whether he does it from love or from friendship. The deeply moving conclusion.

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THE OTHER SIDE OF YOU
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I'M HOME.

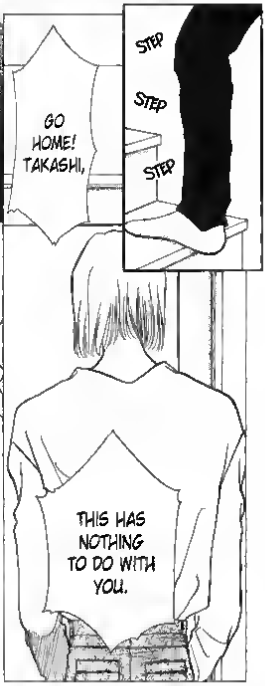
AH, ONI-CHAN.
SHOU DID ...?
YEAH. HE CAME TO MY MIDDLE-SCHOOL TODAY.
IT DIDN'T SEEM LIKE HE HAD ANYTHING TO DO THERE BUT HE WAS TALKING TO THE COUN-SELOR, TSUKADA.

I'LL THINK IT OVER
My dear brother
HEY, BRING SHOU-KUN HOME AGAIN SOMETIME, OKAY? PLEEEEASE
PLEEEEASE, ONIICHAN, PLEASE

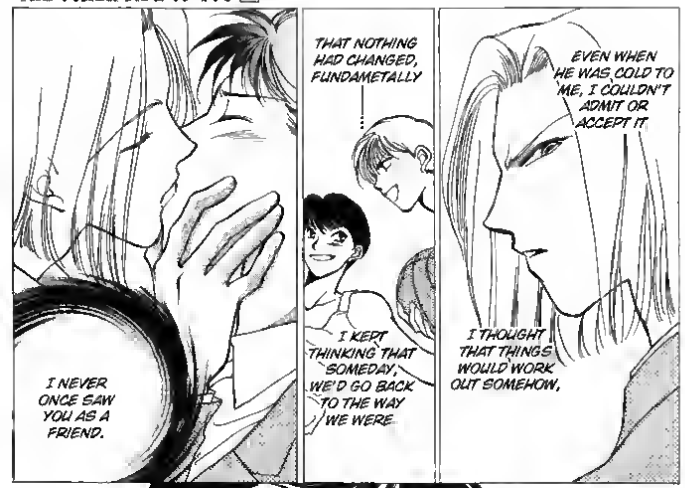
DISAPPOINTED
I THOUGHT MAYBE HE COULD COME HAVE DINNER WITH US AGAIN BUT HE WENT HOME

THAT WAS THE HAPPIEST TIME OF MY LIFE
THAT WAS THE CLOSEST I'VE EVER FELT TO ANYONE.

DID HE LEAVE..? AFTER THAT.
I WAS WITH HIM FOR LESS THAN A YEAR BUT

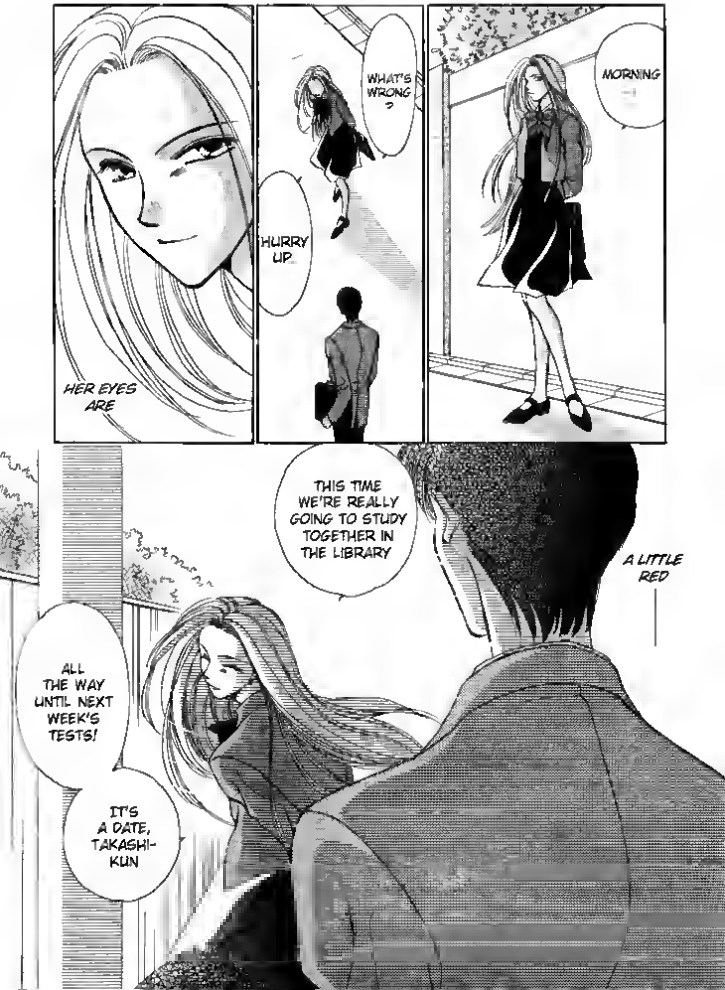

GO HOME! TAKASHI,
STEP
STEP
STEP
THIS HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU.

BUT THAT WAS ALL JUST MY IMAGINATION.
FLOP
THE TRUTH IS THAT SHOU REALLY LIKES TAKASHI-KUN.
IF YOU CARE AT ALL ABOUT HIM THEN LEAVE HIM ALONE.
DON'T SEE HIM ANYMORE
RUSTLE
I WAS HAPPY TO SEE HIM AGAIN.
I WAS SIMPLY HAPPY.
Flop


I NEVER ONCE SAW YOU AS A FRIEND.
I KEPT THINKING THAT SOMEDAY, WE'D GO BACK TO THE WAY WE WERE.
THAT NOTHING HAD CHANGED, FUNDAMETALLY
I THOUGHT THAT THINGS WOULD WORK OUT SOMEHOW.
EVEN WHEN HE WAS COLD TO ME, I COULDN'T ADMIT OR ACCEPT IT

!
WHAT SHOULD I DO?
WHAT DO I WANT TO DO...?
PLEASE STOP SEEING HIM.

FOR HOW LONG?
THE REST OF MY LIFE?
UNTIL SHOU NO LONGER LIKES ME
?


HER EYES ARE
HURRY UP
WHAT'S WRONG ?
MORNING
A LITTLE RED
THIS TIME WE'RE REALLY GOING TO STUDY TOGETHER IN THE LIBRARY
ALL THE WAY UNTIL NEXT WEEK'S TESTS!
IT'S A DATE, TAKASHI-KUN

I'm returning this
Library
Right
Then how about this?

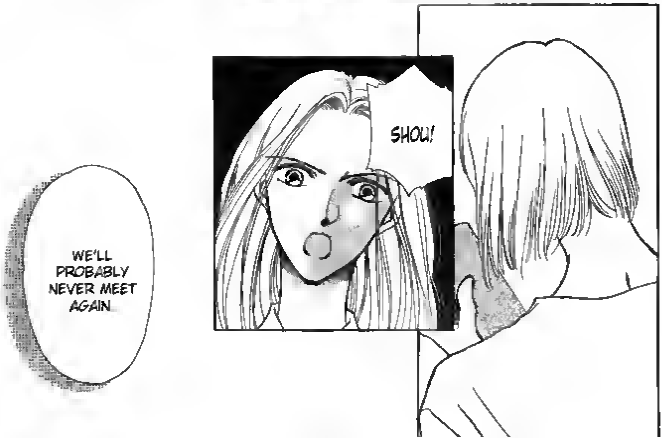
WELL WELL WELL.
.....
TAAA-KASHI-KUN
HEADED HOME?
THAT WAS A NICE ATMO-SPHERE YOU HAD GOING
WITH SAKI-SAKA'S GIRL-FRIEND
You're getting along and studying together every day.
IT'S NOT LIKE THAT.
EHH? YOU SAY THAT BUT
SHE SEEMS UNEXPECTEDLY SERIOUS ABOUT YOU...
WHY DON'T YOU GO OUT WITH HER?

IT LOOKS LIKE THE RUMOR THAT SAKISAKA'S QUITTING SCHOOL AS RETALIATION FOR BEING REJECTED IS TRUE.
WHY NOT? YOU'RE ALREADY GOING WITH THE FLOW.
DON'T JUST DECIDE FOR ME
SO?
HAVE YOU MADE UP WITH HIM? NOT YET?

SHOULD I GO SEE HIM ONE MORE TIME OR NOT
I DON'T KNOW WHAT IT IS I SHOULD DO AND LET THESE MEANINGLESS DAYS PASS BY
SHOU HASN'T COME BY SINCE THEN
AT SCHOOL, THE RUMOR THAT HE'LL DROP OUT HAS STARTED TO SPREAD
I FEEL LOST
NOT YET, HUH
I DIDN'T SAY ANY-THING!
SIGH
WHAT,
SO YOU'RE SAYING YOU GUYS'VE MADE UP?
WE HAVEN'T
turn

YOU DON'T REGRET IT?

ZIP
THUD
WHEN I MOVE, THIS PLACE WILL BECOME VACANT SO YOU'D BETTER GET YOUR THINGS, TOO
WHAT'S YOUR NEW ADDRESS?


SHOU!
WE'LL PROBABLY NEVER MEET AGAIN.

TAKE CARE.
SHOU ...

SHOULD I GO SEE HIM ONE MORE TIME?
click
click
OR SHOULD I JUST STAY AWAY?
click
click
PLEASE STOP SEEING HIM
IS THIS FOR SHOU'S SAKE?
click
click
IS THAT HOW IT IS?
IT'S NOT FAIR TO CHASE HIM WHEN YOU'RE NOT GOING TO ACCEPT HIS FEELINGS
IS THIS WHAT'S BEST FOR HIM?

I DON'T WANT TO BREAK OFF OUR RELATIONSHIP.
BUT I
WOULD THAT BE SUCH A BAD THING?
I WANT TO BE WITH SHOU.
IS THIS JUST ME BEING SELFISH ?!
FOR NOW AND FOREVER
I DON'T WANT THAT!

YO.
HOW'S IT GOING?
NOT BAD.
YOU KNOW, YOU'RE LUCKY, BEING IN CLASS A AND ALL THAT
mutter
I'LL BE IN E WITH MY MARKS
THE 7TH ANNUAL SCHOOL EXAMS DETERMINE THE CLASS MAKEUP FOR NEXT YEAR SO
I HAVE TO BE SERIOUS

SO SAKISAKA'S NOT COMING AFTER ALL THEN?
mutter
mutter
I WONDER IF HE'S SERIOUSLY PLANNING ON DROPPING OUT...
YEAH...
PROBA-BLY.
BUT THAT'D BE SUCH A WASTE...

AND ANYWAY, WHY'S HE REALLY QUITTING?
HAVE YOU HEARD ANYTHING ABOUT IT?
PROBABLY BECAUSE I'M HERE.
HUH?
HIS GIRL-FRIEND DIDN'T COME EITHER.
!
NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT, SHE WASN'T WAITING FOR ME THIS MORNING EITHER.
YOU KNOW
WHEN SOME CUTE GIRL WHO NORMALLY WAITS FOR YOU EVERY MORNING DOESN'T SHOW UP ONE DAY,
NORMALLY, YOU'D WONDER IF SOMETHING WERE WRONG
I FEEL SORRY FOR THE GIRL-FRIEND, TOO
Ahh, she should just give up on a guy like this and go out with me.
I'll just go study.

THOSE WITH QUESTIONS REGARDING THE TEST, PLEASE RAISE YOUR HANDS
SCRAW!
SCRAW!
SCRAW!
SCRAW!
DING
DONG
SLIDE
EXCUSE ME.
KIRISHIMA, IS IT?
HURRY UP. TAKE YOUR SEAT AND BEGIN.
RATTLE

COULD WE WALK HOME TOGETHER?
WHOA, NO WA—Y. I GOT IT WRONG.
IS THAT WHY YOU WERE LATE—?
UH, HEY...
WERE YOU WAITING FOR ME THIS MORNING?
Weeeee~
THAT'S FINE BUT DON'T WE GO IN OPPOSITE DIRECTIONS?
I'M LIVING WITH MY RELATIVES RIGHT NOW SO...
EH?
SO THAT WAS TRUE?
Yes.
NO, NO.
I OVERSLEPT A BIT...
THEN, 10 O'CLOCK TOMORROW MORNING. THANK YOU

I SEE.
IT'S TOMORROW.
I WAS WONDERING IF YOU WERE STILL HERE SO I DROPPED BY.
TOMORROW
I'LL STILL BE HERE FOR A WHILE SO RELAX.
AREN'T THE TESTS BEGINNING TODAY?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
BEFORE ANYONE FINDS OUT,
Hmmmm I forgot
WHAT DID YOU WRITE FOR PROBLEM 4?
SHOU IS PLANNING ON MOVING TOMORROW.
TO SOME PLACE NO ONE KNOWS ABOUT.
THIS ONE. THIS QUESTION.
AT THIS RATE.....
IF I DON'T SAY ANYTHING, THEY'LL PROBABLY NEVER SEE EACH OTHER AGAIN.

IF THAT HAPPENS... PERHAPS TAKASHI-KUN WILL...
WITH ME
WHAT DID YOU WRITE, KIRISHIMA-SAN?
ON QUES-TION 4
I... I
HAVE TO GO
GOOD-BYE
STEP
STEP
STEP
WHAT !?
WHAT HAP-PENED ?
I wonder if she got prolem is wrong too
ONIIIIICHAN, YOU'VE GOT A GUEST

AT THIS TIME OF NIGHT?
WHERE?
WAITING OUTSIDE.
OPENS
!
KIRI-SHIMA-SAN.
I HAVE TO TELL HIM.
THAT'S WHY I CAME.
COME IN.
WHAT'S WRONG ?
AH, IT'S OKAY. IT'S LATE.

G-GOOD LUCK ON YOUR TEST TOMORROW.
I HAVE TO SAY IT.
I DON'T WANT TO TELL HIM.
UMM...
BYE.
AH-
WAI-...
WAIT.
CLATTER
KIRISHIMA-SAN.
IT'S LATE. I'LL WALK YOU HOME.

SHOU IS...
SHOU IS LEAVING TOMORROW ...

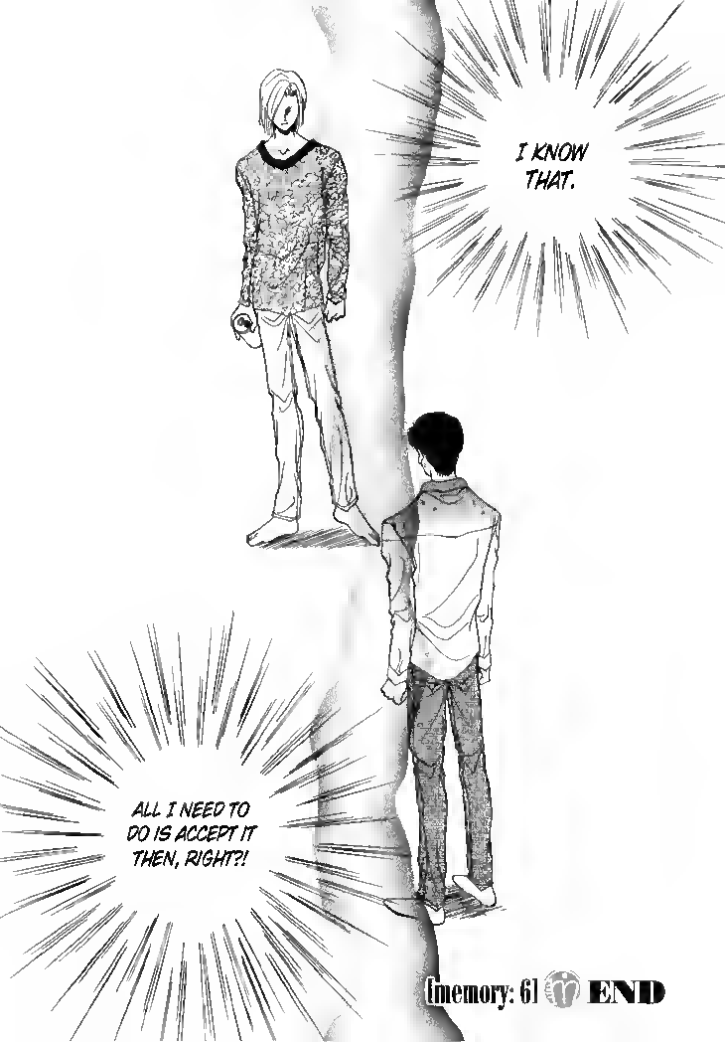
SPLASH
SPLASH
SPLASH
SPLASH
SPLASH

TOMORROW, IT'LL BE FAREWELL TO THIS PLACE AS WELL
I'LL NEVER SEE TAKASHI AGAIN
PSHH
YOU DON'T REGRET IT?
I DON'T

I JUST WANTED TO RETURN TO THE NORMAL WORLD.
I NEVER PLANNED TO MEET HIM AGAIN, TO BEGIN WITH.
I DIDN'T WANT TO DO ANYTHING
OR MAKE ANYTHING HAPPEN.
HOWEVER PRECIOUS IT MAY BE, ONCE YOU'RE AWAKE
IT'S LIKE A DREAM
drip

IT'S DANGEROUS YOU SHOULD LOCK THE DOOR.

TELL ME THE TRUTH.
THIS IS PRO-B ABLY ...
I HEARD A LITTLE BIT ABOUT IT FROM KIRISHIMA-SAN
WHY ARE YOU HERE ...?
IT'S NOT FAIR.
BUT I WANT TO HEAR IT FROM YOU.
THE LAST TIME SO ...
IT'S NOT FAIR TO CHASE HIM WHEN YOU'RE NOT GOING TO ACCEPT HIS FEELINGS.



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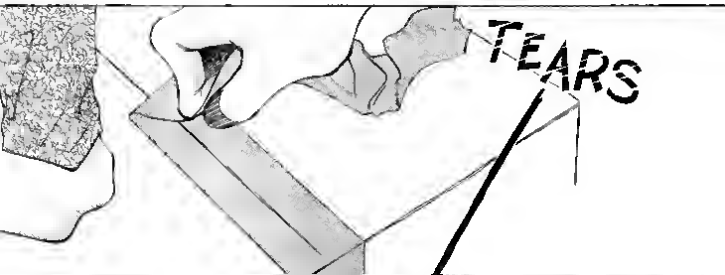
THIS IS PROBABLY THE LAST TIME...



DRY YOURSELF OFF.
FLAP
AH, OK
THANKS.
RUB
RUB
THE LAST TIME ..

AND?
TO TALK TO HIM,
TO SEE HIM...
LOTS OF THINGS...
AND YOUR...
ABOUT YOUR QUITTING SCHOOL, WHY YOU'RE MOVING, THINGS LIKE THAT.
"THINGS LIKE THAT"...
WHAT IS IT YOU WANT TO ASK NOW?
THIS IS THE LAST TIME FOR EVERYTHING
ISN'T IT OBVIOUSLY BECAUSE I DON'T WANT TO SEE YOU AGAIN?
I THOUGHT YOU'D UNDERSTAND AT LEAST THAT MUCH.
I KNOW THAT!

YOUR FEELINGS AND
TO ASK ABOUT IT
BUT I WASN'T LOOKING FOR A SIMPLE, ONE-WORD EXPLANATION I WANTED...
STEP
YOU!
THIS TIME IT'LL BE PERFECT. KANAKO WON'T SHOW UP
DOES WHAT HAPPENED HERE LAST TIME HAVE TO HAPPEN AGAIN FOR YOU TO UNDERSTAND?

DON'T PRO-VOKE ME—
DO YOU THINK SAYING THAT WILL SCARE ME AWAY!?

SLIDE
YOU'RE A CRUEL PERSON, TAKASHI
THAT'S RIGHT.

I'M IN LOVE WITH YOU
I ALREADY KNEW THAT BUT
HEARING IT FROM SHOU'S MOUTH
WAS A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT FEELING

A RELATIONSHIP THAT I SHOULD RUN AWAY FROM...
HOW LAUGHABLE
I WENT TO KYUUSHUU WITH MY MOTHER BECAUSE I DIDN'T WANT TO BE BY YOUR SIDE ANY LONGER
I WAS MORE OF A CHILD THEN BUT THE SITUATION HASN'T CHANGED
YOU DIDN'T SEE ME AS ANYTHING MORE THAN A FRIEND AND
I COULDN'T BE WITH YOU AS ANYTHING OTHER THAN A FRIEND.
THAT WAS SO IMPOSSIBLY PAINFUL FOR ME
WHY DO I HAVE TO CONFESS TO THESE THINGS NOW?
FEELINGS THAT I'VE KEPT IN CHECK AND WASN'T SUPPOSED TO EVER GIVE VOICE TO. .

TO BREAK IT OFF.
I DON'T WANT TO DESTROY YOU
I DON'T WANT TO DESTROY ANY ONE THING THAT YOU HAVE IN YOUR LIFE...
EVERY-THING IN YOUR EVERYDAY LIFE...
YOUR FRIENDS
YOUR FAMILY,
YOU YOUR-SELF,
WE'LL NEVER MEET AGAIN...

IT WAS A MISTAKE FOR ME TO SEE YOU AGAIN
FROM NOW ON, YOU WILL NO LONGER BE A PART OF MY LIFE.
Pour

ARE YOU SATISFIED NOW?
SO GO HOME
IF YOU'RE NOT GOING HOME, I'LL LEAVE.

DON'T RUN AWAY.
DON'T YOU THINK IT'S STRANGE...?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN YOU DON'T WANT TO "DESTROY" ME?!
IT'S NOT FOR YOU TO DECIDE.
EVEN THOUGH I'M HERE LIKE THIS, WHY DO I HAVE TO DISAPPEAR FROM YOUR LIFE?
I'M NOT THAT WEAK.

WHAT ARE YOU...
DOING ...?
CONTINUING WHAT HAPPENED LAST TIME!

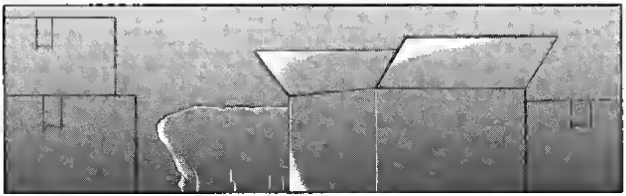
STOP!
THUD
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU THINKING?
SHUT UP.
Z..
STOP, I SAID.
PLEASE ...
TAKA-SHI.

STOP IT...
...
YOU ARE WHAT I'M MOST AFRAID OF...

I DON'T KNOW IF I THINK OF YOU THE SAME WAY YOU THINK OF ME.
AND I DON'T KNOW WHAT WILL HAPPEN AFTER THIS BUT
I UNDERSTAND THIS MUCH.
I..
I REFUSE TO LET US NEVER SEE EACH OTHER AGAIN.
I WANT TO CONTINUE TO BE A PART OF YOUR LIFE.
I DON'T WANT US TO BE SEPA-RATED.

YOU...
DO YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU'RE SAYING?
YEAH...
PROBABLY...
DO YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT YOUR WORDS MEAN WITH THE WAY YOU ARE NOW...

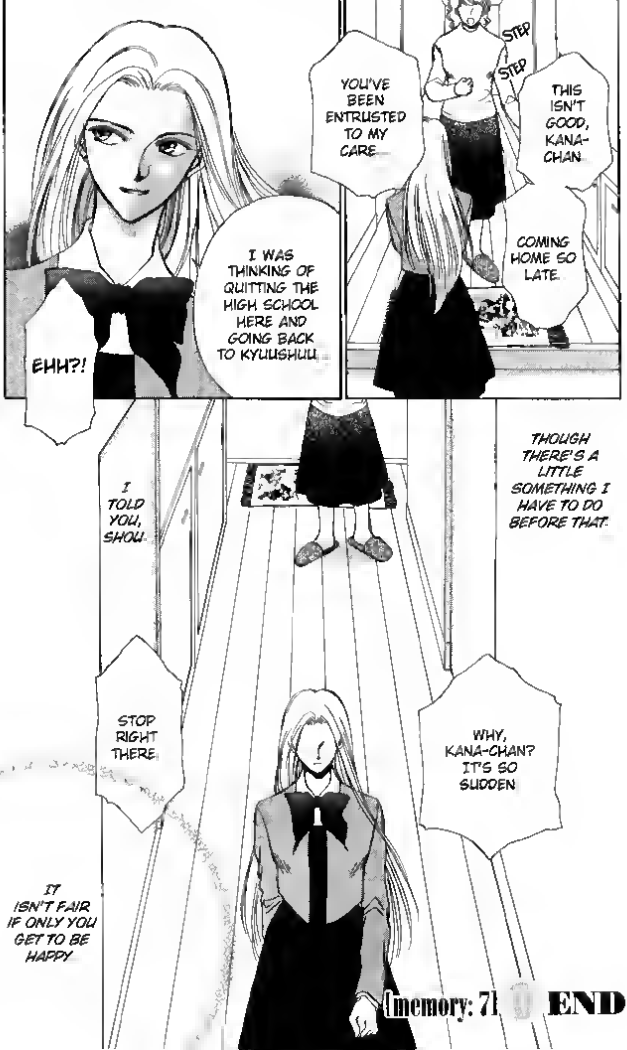
WILL
PROBABLY
REGRET
THIS



WHAT SHOULD I BE DOING?
UM, SO,
JUST LIE THERE

SHOULD WE STOP?
AT THIS POINT, WE CAN STILL STOP
SHOU
Pull
WE'RE NOT STOP-PING
YOU TAKE OFF YOUR CLOTHES, TOO
!
OKAY

CREAK
CLICK
I'M BACK.


STEP
STEP
THIS ISN'T GOOD, KANA-CHAN.
COMING HOME SO LATE.
YOU'VE BEEN ENTRUSTED TO MY CARE.
I WAS THINKING OF QUITTING THE HIGH SCHOOL HERE AND GOING BACK TO KYUUSHUU.
EHH?!
THOUGH THERE'S A LITTLE SOMETHING I HAVE TO DO BEFORE THAT.
I TOLD YOU, SHOU.
STOP RIGHT THERE.
WHY, KANA-CHAN? IT'S SO SUDDEN.
IT ISN'T FAIR IF ONLY YOU GET TO BE HAPPY.
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END

THIS IS
A DREAM I DIDN'T THINK COULD EVER COME TRUE.
NOW THAT IT'S HAPPENING
WHAT DO I PLAN ON DOING?

[memory: 8]

THE OTHER SIDE OF YOU

TOSHIMI ARIMA
PRESENTS

Pour
CREAK
JERK

TAKA-SHI
TAKA-SHI
HUH?
Squeeze
YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE SO TENSE
RELAX
BUT, IF I RELAX, I FEEL LIKE I'LL MAKE WEIRD SOUNDS

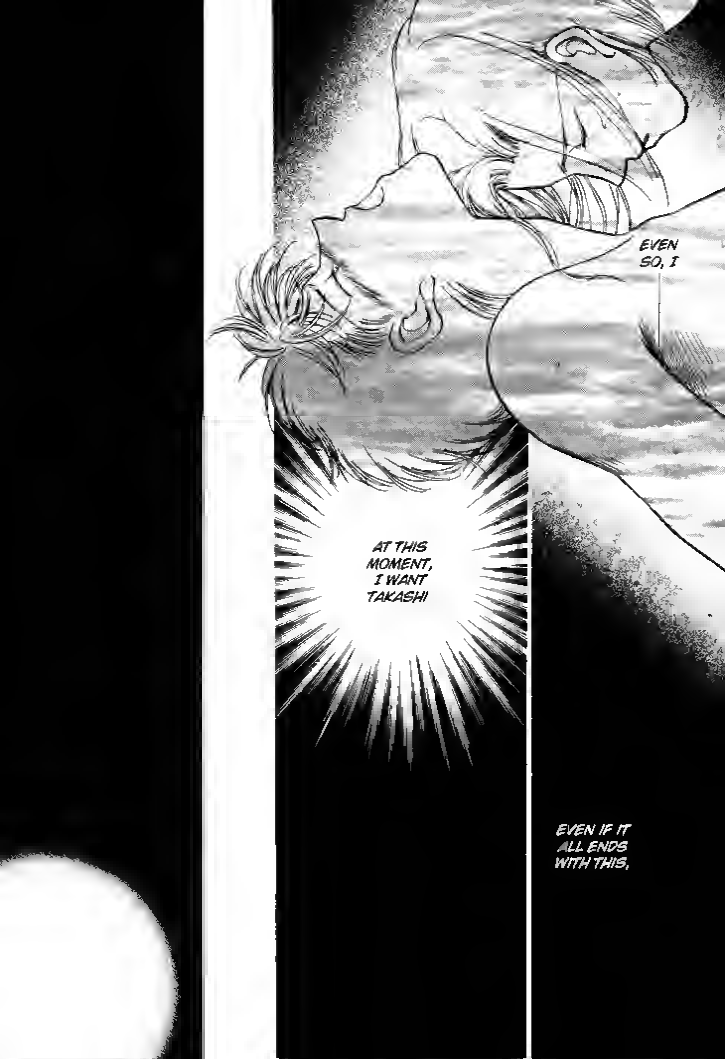
GO AHEAD.
HHH ...
IF YOU HOLD IT IN, IT'LL SOON BECOME PAINFUL.
THERE ARE PROBABLY... PLENTY OF OTHER WAYS I COULD HAVE DONE THIS.
SHOU-
EVEN IF I HADN'T DONE THIS TO STOP SHOU.
HH KKH ...
THERE ARE OTHER WAYS I COULD'VE ..
NHH ...

I'VE PROBABLY MADE A MISTAKE.
EVEN IF, FOR EXAMPLE, I DON'T KNOW WHAT WILL HAPPEN AFTER THIS.
EVEN SO... EVEN IF I'M WRONG,
HH
HH

I'M SURE, AT LEAST, THAT I WON'T HAVE ANY REGRETS.
Haa
drip..
NH...
TWITCH
WAI-..
SHOU ... WAI- ...

SORRY...
I CAN'T WAIT.
I'LL MAKE SURE YOU'RE READY SO..
HAH-
SHO-
YO-...
TAKASHI
shock

SOMEWHERE IN MY MIND, IN A FAR AWAY PLACE, I UNDERSTAND.
WHAT I AM DOING...
FOR WHAT PURPOSE HAVE I KEPT MY PROMISE UNTIL NOW?
EVEN THOUGH IT SHOULDN'T HAVE BEEN SUCH AN EASILY BROKEN RESOLUTION...
I'M SURE I'LL REGRET THIS.
I'LL WANT TO KILL THE PERSON I AM NOW.


EVEN SO, I
AT THIS MOMENT, I WANT TAKASHI
EVEN IF IT ALL ENDS WITH THIS,

shh
touch
TAKASHI

TAKA-SHI.
Yawn
?
TAKA-SHI
WAKE UP
HN
YOU'RE GOING TO BE LATE.
YOU HAVE TESTS TODAY, TOO, DON'T YOU?
spaced out
SORRY I DIDN'T WAKE YOU UP EARLIER.
HURRY. IT'S GETTING LATE

WHY IS SHOU...
WOW... I FEEL LIKE I SLEPT REALLY WELL YET...
UMM
DOES YOUR BODY HURT?
!
OH, THAT'S RIGHT. YESTERDAY
I- I'M FINE
SHOU AND I..
SORRY, I WENT TOO FAR.

THEN I'LL DO THAT...
OH, LIH, THANKS...
HURRY UP. YOU'LL BARELY MAKE IT IN TIME
RUSTLE
HERE
YOU WON'T MAKE IT ON TIME IF YOU GO HOME FIRST.
WEAR MINE INSTEAD
YOU DON'T NEED TO QUIT SCHOOL ANYMORE, RIGHT?
THEN LET'S GO TOGETHER.
.....
HEY, SO...

WHY NOT? LET'S GO TOGETHER.
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
YOU'RE WEARING MY UNIFORM SO HOW CAN I GO?
OH.
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT. JUST HURRY UP AND CHANGE YOUR CLOTHES.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY "PREPARED" YOURSELF?
IT'S ALRIGHT.
THEN I SHOULD GO HOME AFTER ALL...
THERE'RE TESTS TODAY, RIGHT? I DIDN'T DO ANY STUDYING.
I'D ALREADY PREPARED MYSELF FOR THIS
Don't start taking the uniform off. You don't have time for this...
IN YOUR CASE, SOMETHING LIKE THAT DOESN'T MATTER

sulk
HERE THE BLAZER
BUY SOME BREAKFAST ON THE WAY.
CLACK
IT'S OKAY, JUST HURRY UP AND GO
YOU'RE REALLY RUNNING OUT OF TIME.
WELL, I'M GOING THEN

Stop
YOU'RE NOT GOING TO RUN AWAY ANYMORE RIGHT?
YOU'RE NOT GOING TO DISAPPEAR WHILE I'M AT SCHOOL, RIGHT?

YEAH...
DON'T WORRY
RIGHT NOW, I COULD STILL MAKE IT.
AS LONG AS I DISAPEAR,
TAKASHI WON'T GET TOO HURT.
STEP
STEP
STEP
HE'LL SIMPLY BE A BIT BEWILDERED.

AHH, SO YOU DID COME
PEEK IN
YOU WEREN'T HERE AT THE OPENING BELL SO I WONDERED WHAT'D HAPPENED.
AS LONG AS I
DING DONG DING
SORRY
I WAS A LITTLE LATE
MORE IMPORTANTLY, DID YOU SLEEP WELL?
hee hee hee.
I'M GOING TO ACE TODAY'S TESTS.
That doesn't sound reassuring.
TAKASHI-KUN

WHAT HAPPENED AFTER?
YOU WENT TO SHOU'S PLACE... DIDN'T YOU?
start
Y-YEAH.
WHAT?
"MOVE"?
IS SAKI-SAKA MOVING SOME-WHERE?
SO HE'S GOING TO MOVE TODAY THEN?
THAT'S BEEN CANCELLED
HE PROBABLY WON'T GO ANYWHERE ANYMORE.
I LIKE TAKASHI-KUN.

UH, YOU KNOW...
ISN'T THAT GREAT YOU AND SHOU HAVE MADE UP...
BUT I WONDER IF SHOU'S MIND CAN BE CHANGED THAT EASILY
I SEE...
WHAT?
WHAT?
YOU AND SHOU MADE UP?
WHEN?

EHH?
I'M GOING HOME.
WE STILL HAVE 3 CLASSES.
3 CLAS-SES!?
3 CLASSES~~~
TELL THE TEACHER THAT I LEFT EARLY BECAUSE I WASN'T FEELING WELL
...BUT-
HEY.
SORRY
I spent all night studying but you're just going to skip out on them~~

I'M DISGUSTED WITH MYSELF.
I COULDN'T HANG ONTO MY DETER-MINATION...

THE END

I KNEW THAT IT WOULD BE THE END IF I TOUCHED HIM EVEN A LITTLE BIT
THAT'S WHY I TRIED TO STAY AWAY FROM TAKASHI, EVEN TO THE POINT OF HURTING HIM BUT .

DING DONG DING DONG
start
I'M AN IDIOT...
I CAN'T STOP MY COLLAPSED EMOTIONS.
I WANT TO BE BY TAKASHI'S SIDE.
10 O'CLOCK TOMORROW, PLEASE
CLICK

HUFF
HUFF
TAKA...
SHI
YOU'RE STILL HERE AFTER ALL
OH...
HA HA

1-A
OH GEEZ, THE MATH TEST COVERS TOO MUCH
AGH, I'VE GIVEN UP ON IT...
HEY...
DID YOU KNOW?

I WANTED TO MAKE SURE

WITH MY OWN EYES...

WHAT'S WRONG? YOU...

SCHOOL'S NOT OVER YET, IS IT?

THIS WAS... MY LAST CHANCE...

TAKASHI

EH?

CHANGE OVER THERE

THANKS FOR THE UNIFORM

Though I didn't get much use out of it.

IT'S TEMPTING OTHER-WISE

HEY, SHOU
I'LL COME PICK YOU UP TOMORROW SO LET'S GO TO SCHOOL TOGETHER
QUIT IT
WE'RE NOT LITTLE KIDS
OH I see
CHCK
HELLO SAKATA MOVING
I'D LIKE TO CANCEL MY 10:00 APPOINTMENT FOR THIS MORNING
EH? THE TRUCK'S ALREADY LEFT FOR YOUR PLACE
I'M SORRY
I UNDERSTAND I'LL CONTACT THE DRIVER
WE'LL HAVE TO CHARGE YOU A CANCELLATION FEE
DOOR

WERE'NT OUR HOUSES CLOSER TOGETHER THEN?
Don't open your mouth so wide.
It's hot.
Okay!
Alright, one bite each, then.
GOING TO SCHOOL AND COMING HOME
WHY CAN'T WE? WE USED TO ALWAYS BE TOGETHER
IT'S OKAY NOW, ISN'T IT...?
I DON'T HAVE TO THINK ANYMORE ... ABOUT HOW GREAT THOSE TIMES WERE, RIGHT?
.....
TAKASHI?

PLEASE ..
YEAH...
JUST A LITTLE BIT LONGER..
BY HIS SIDE...
JUST FOR NOW

YOU REALLY CAME...
YEP.
I WON'T MOVE FROM HERE UNTIL YOU COME, TOO.
HURRY UP AND GET DRESSED.
Aren't we still in the middle exams?
It'd be pointless for me to even go.

kyaa
kyaa
whisper
chatter

?
?
NO WAY
JIGGLE
JIGGLE
SO IT'S TRUE AFTER ALL
THOSE TWO'VE DONE IT.
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END

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THE OTHER SIDE OF YOU

SLIDE
1-B
DID YOU HEAR?
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT
YEAH, I HEARD, I HEARD
THEY'RE FROM CLASS 1-A, RIGHT?
MAYBE THEY NEEDED SOME RELEASE AFTER STUDYING TOO MUCH?
THIS ISN'T AN ALL-BOYS' SCHOOL. A GIRL'D DEFINITELY BE BETTER.
Aya ha ha ha
Ah, but there're girls that're enjoying this
Huh?

SLAM
SLAP

WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO DO?
I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT.
DON'T PLAY INNOCENT. IT WAS YOU, WASN'T IT?!
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO SPREAD THAT AROUND SCHOOL ABOUT TAKASHI AND ME!!
AHH... THAT.
HUH?
I JUST ACCIDENTALLY MENTIONED IT TO ONE PERSON BUT IT'S BECOME SO EXAGGERATED.
Or was it 2 people?
AREN'T THOSE GIRLS THE ONES WHO SPREAD THE STORY AROUND?

AND ANYWAY, WHAT'S THERE TO BE SO ANGRY ABOUT?
WHY CAN'T I TELL PEOPLE ABOUT THE TWO OF YOU?
WHY DO YOU CARE? IT'S JUST THE TRUTH.
CON-GRATULA-TIONS.
ISN'T IT WONDERFUL? WHAT YOU'VE DREAMT OF FOR SO LONG HAS COME TRUE.
WE'RE
IT'S NOT A [illegible] THING
THAT THINGS WILL GO WELL BETWEEN TAKASHI AND ME
IT DOESN'T MEAN ANYTHING MORE THAN THAT
HE JUST WANTED TO STOP ME ANY WAY HE COULD
IN TAKASHI'S CASE, HE JUST HATES THE THOUGHT OF ME DISAPPEARING

I PLAN TO LEAVE
TAKASHI SOON
HOW SELFISH...
THAT'S WHY...
DON'T DESTROY ANY MORE THAN YOU ALREADY HAVE
I SEE... THE CURRENT SITUATION IS WHAT YOU FEAR MOST
ISN'T THIS A GOOD THING? GETTING SUCH AN EXPERIENCE SO IMMEDIATELY.
AFTER THIS, THERE'S NO LONGER ANYTHING FOR YOU TO BE AFRAID OF.

KANAKO.
IF IT'S SOMETHING THAT CAN BE BROKEN, IT'D BE BETTER TO BREAK IT.
I'D LIKE SOME GRATITUDE AT LEAST
IF THE RELATIONSHIP CAN'T BOUNCE BACK FROM THIS, THEN IT ISN'T WORTH MUCH
I'M GOING HOME
I'LL COME BY LATER TO COLLECT MY THINGS.
SLAM

SHE DIDN'T SAY ONE WORD OF COMPLAINT..
SHE WAS THAT PREPARED FOR IT...
stung feeling
squeeze
NO
I AM
KANAKO ISN'T THE ONE AT FAULT HERE.
I SHOULD HAVE CONTROLLED MYSELF
EVEN SO
whisper
Hey

GOT IT? IF ANYBODY ASKS YOU, MAKE SURE YOU DENY IT.
ARE YOU SURE YOU UNDER-STAND?!
YEAH
I GOT IT.
CHATTER
WHISPER
BUT IT'S WEIRD
I DON'T UNDER-STAND IT.
WHY DID THESE KINDS OF RUMORS SUDDENLY APPEAR ABOUT US?
THERE'S NOTHING THAT CAN BE DONE ABOUT A RUMOR THAT'S ALREADY OUT THERE.
AND ALSO, THERE'S ONE OTHER THING WE HAVE TO DO
IT DOESN'T MATTER ANYMORE WHO THE FIRST PERSON
TO SPREAD THE RUMORS IS.

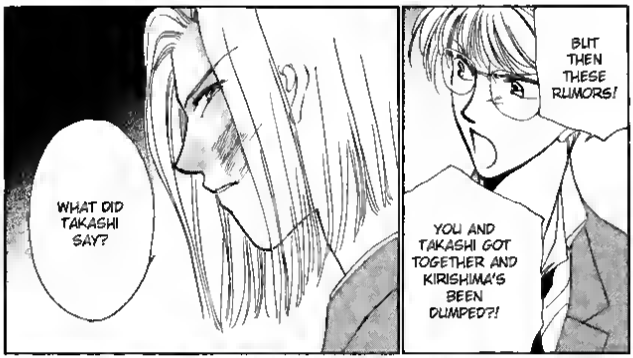
WH... Y?
LET'S STOP DOING THINGS TOGETHER
I THOUGHT THINGS COULD FINALLY GO BACK TO BEING THE WAY IT WAS BUT
IT'S NOT GOING TO?!
TRY TO UNDERSTAND THE SITUATION
PLUS, WE'RE...
NOT THE SAME AS WE WERE.

I CAN'T DELAY IT ANYMORE. THERE'S NO MORE TIME.
HE LOOKS LIKE HE DOESN'T UNDERSTAND ANY OF THIS...
THE RUMORS WILL PROBABLY ALSO DIE OUT.
IF I WERE TO DISAPPEAR...
THAT'S RIGHT.
DON'T RUN AWAY.
BUT...
THAT'S ALL I CAN DO IN THE PAST AND NOW AS WELL.
I'D BE LEAVING TAKASHI ALONE IN THE MIDDLE OF ALL THAT.
Seriously?
Eeeeek!
Whisper Whisper
IF THE RUMORS DON'T DISAPPEAR,

WHAT SHOULD I..
DING DONG
DING DONG
DING DONG
DING DONG
WHAT IS IT? YOU FORGOT SOME-THING?
YOU KNOW IT'S OPEN
DING DONG DING DONG
WHAM
SLAM

WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO DO?!
YOU-...
THIS IS YOUR IDEA OF RECONCILING?!
THIS IS JUST LIKE MY CONVERSATION A MOMENT AGO WITH KANAKO.
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
DON'T ACT LIKE YOU DON'T KNOW!
THOSE RUMORS GOING AROUND SCHOOL NOW!
ABOUT YOU AND TAKASHI!
THEY'RE JUST RUMORS.

I THOUGHT I WOULDN'T HAVE TO SEE TAKASHI'S LOOKING SO HESITANT AND INDECISIVE ANYMORE
I WAS HAPPY BECAUSE I HEARD THAT THE TWO OF YOU HAD MADE UP.
HEY, WAIT.
WHAT'D YOU...


WHAT DID TAKASHI SAY?
YOU AND TAKASHI GOT TOGETHER AND KIRISHIMA'S BEEN DUMPED?!
BUT THEN THESE RUMORS!

WOULDN'T THE NORMAL THING BE TO CHECK WITH HIM BEFORE COMING TO ME?
WHY NOT?
...I DIDN'T ASK...
UGH

RELAX.
UM... WELL... HE DOESN'T LIE OR PRETEND AND
IF I WERE BLUNTLY TOLD, "YES, THAT'S HOW IT IS", I WOULDN'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY...
mumble mumble
BUT...
SOMEHOW...
THERE'S NOTHING BETWEEN US...
EH?
HE WON'T GO ANYWHERE ANYMORE.

BUT IF TAKASHI WERE TO FIND OUT THAT YOU'D MISUNDERSTOOD THE SITUATION, HE'D PROBABLY BE A LITTLE SHOCKED
YOU DON'T HAVE TO BELIEVE ME
SINCE IT DOESN'T MATTER TO ME WHAT YOU THINK
DO YOU LIKE TAKASHI?
YEAH, I GUESS
UH, SO.
SORRY YOU GOT HIT

IT WAS AFTER THE END OF THE SUMMER OF MY THIRD YEAR IN MIDDLE SCHOOL DURING EXAMS.
I LIKE HIM PURELY AS A FRIEND...
I DIDN'T MEAN IT IN THAT WAY.
...WAIT A MINUTE.
I'M SURE HE DIDN'T GIVE ANY CONSIDERATION TO HIS TEST RESULTS
I HADN'T THOUGHT THAT HE WAS STUPID BUT
TAKASHI, WHO HAD JUST BEGUN TO STUDY FOR THEM, EASILY SURPASSED ME
THE MORE HE WAS AROUND ME, THE MORE STRONGLY I FELT MYSELF TO BE PATHETIC.
I'D BEEN STUDYING SINCE THE FIRST YEAR OF MIDDLE SCHOOL AND SO
IF I DIDN'T LIKE TAKASHI, I WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN ABLE TO BECOME FRIENDS WITH HIM
. EVEN NOW IT PULLS AT ME A LITTLE

UNEXPECTEDLY ENOUGH, IF YOU HAD BEEN WITH HIM, TAKASHI WOULD PROBABLY HAVE BEEN OKAY.
HUH?
SATOU SEEMED TO UPSET BY THE FACT THAT HE'D BEEN BEATEN ON THE EXAMS...
SHOU!

WHISTLE
YOU GET ALONG SO WELL
ARE YOU GOING TO GO ON A DATE NOW?
SHOU!
WH-WHAT THE HELL?!
SHOU, STOP.
IGNORE THINGS LIKE THAT
Hmph
HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN WHAT I SAID?

I'VE BEEN THINK-ING ABOUT IT THIS WHOLE TIME BUT
HOWEVER MUCH I THINK ABOUT IT, I CAN'T UNDERSTAND IT.
DON'T TALK TO ME SO CASUALLY IN FRONT OF OTHER PEOPLE
I TOLD YOU IT'D BE BETTER FOR US TO STAY AWAY FROM EACH OTHER!

WHAT DOES IT HAVE TO DO WITH US?
WHAT DOES IT MATTER?
WHY CAN'T WE JUST LET THOSE WHO WANT TO TALK SAY ALL THEY WANT?

IT'S NOT THAT SIMPLE.
WE CAN'T... DO THAT.
!!!

SO THEN WHAT?!
THAT'S STUPID.
WE'RE GOING TO STAY AWAY FROM EACH OTHER UNTIL THE RUMORS DISAPPEAR THEN?
I WON'T ACCEPT THAT!!
I DON'T CARE ABOUT THE PEOPLE AROUND US
BECAUSE OF THIS YOU.
IT'S YOU I WORRY ABOUT.
IF WE DO THAT, THESE DIRTY RUMORS WILL ALWAYS BE AROUND.
IN THE WORST CASE, THE COULD LAST A LIFETIME.
IF WE DON'T CRUSH THEM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE
WE'LL DEFINITELY REGRET IT.

YOU'RE PLANNING ON GOING AWAY AGAIN, RIGHT?!
I'M GOING TO TELL YOU THIS NOW!
I'LL DO ANYTHING I HAVE TO DO TO STOP YOU.
I'VE ALREADY DONE WHAT I DID, TOO
I'LL DO ANY-THING.
I'M NOT AFRAID OF ANYTHING.
HOW C...N HE BE

HE'S GOING TO DESTROY MY TINY BIT OF DETERMI-NATION.
WITHOUT CHANGING
YOU...
SO SURE ...
Well sorry
DING DONG
CLASS 1-A'S SAKISAKA SHOU-KUN AND
I CAN'T BELIEVE
YOU CAN SAY THAT WITH SUCH A SERIOUS LOOK
HE ALWAYS STANDS BEFORE ME
PLEASE COME TO THE STUDENT COUNSELING OFFICE AFTER SCHOOL
HIROSE TAKASHI-KUN
CHATTER

AGAIN,
SAKISAKA SHOU-KUN AND HIROSE TAKASHI-KUN FROM CLASS 1-A,
PLEASE COME TO THE STUDENT COUNSELING OFFICE AFTER SCHOOL

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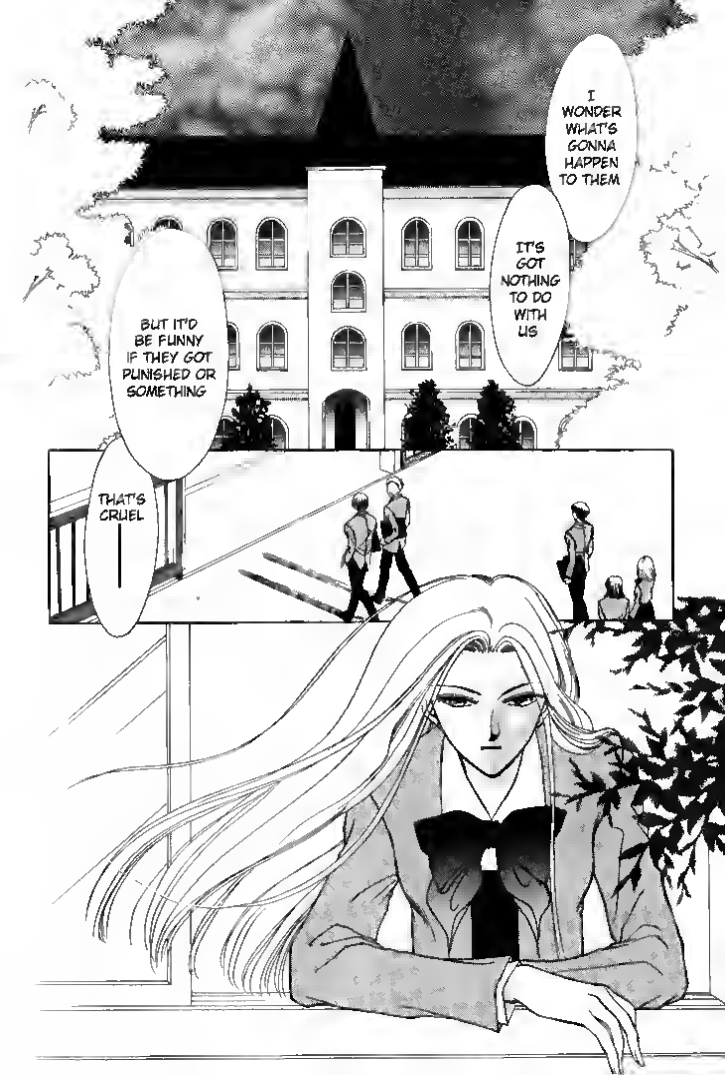
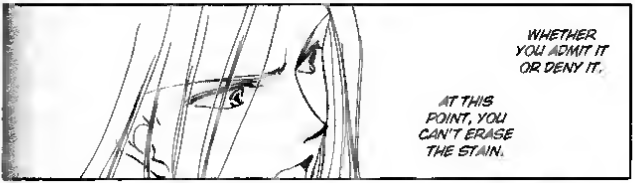
THE OTHER
SIDE OF YOU


I WONDER WHAT'S GONNA HAPPEN TO THEM
IT'S GOT NOTHING TO DO WITH US
BUT IT'D BE FUNNY IF THEY GOT PUNISHED OR SOMETHING
THAT'S CRUEL

ISN'T THIS TOO BAD, SHOU.


WHETHER YOU ADMIT IT OR DENY IT.
AT THIS POINT, YOU CAN'T ERASE THE STAIN.

TAKASHI-KUN WHOM YOU WANTED TO PROTECT AT ANY COST.
IS NOW STANDING AT THE FRONTLINE.

GET RID OF THE BABY.
THIS IS FOR THE SAKE OF YOUR FUTURES.
KANA-CHAN YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT HE'S SAYING DON'T YOU?

TALK.
SAY SOME-THING.
N□OYUKI, YOU □GREE, RIGHT?
I DON'T UNDER-STAND.
I DON'T UNDER-STAND IT.
...YES
FROM THE VERY BEGIN-NING,

I WAS ALONE
AND SAT THERE LIKE THAT THE WHOLE TIME.
HE TRIED TO AVOID MEETING MY EYES.
I'D LONG AGO BEEN LEFT ON MY OWN.
KANA-CHAN?
Oh
IT HAD BEEN THE TWO OF US BUT
WHAT WILL YOU DO, SHOU
?

AND ALSO
WHAT WILL YOU DO?
WHAT WILL TAKASHI-KUN DO?
WHAT IS IT THAT I WANT?
FOR THINGS TO GO WELL FOR THE TWO OF THEM?
OR
FOR THEM TO BREAK?

I TOLD YOU NOT TO COME.
I'LL DEAL WITH IT ALONE SOMEHOW.
WAIT!
SHOU.
I CAN'T LET THAT HAPPEN.
I WAS CALLED TOO.
I SAID DON'T COME.
NO.
STUDENT COUNCELING OFFICE

IF YOU'RE COMING, MAKE SURE YOU DENY IT ALL.
I'LL SAY IT'S JUST A RUMOR THAT SOMEBODY MALICIOUSLY SPREAD.
IT CAN'T BE HELPED.
YOU ABSOLUTELY MUST NOT ADMIT THAT IT'S TRUE.
TO WHAT I SAID ON THE ROOFTOP DURING LUNCH...
...TO ADD
TAKA-SHI!

EVEN IF YOU WERE GONE...
THEY'D CONTINUE TO SAY THAT I HAVE A BOYFRIEND.
You id-...
IS THAT SUPPOSED TO BE A THREAT...
CLICK
YOU'RE BOTH HERE?
HIROSE. COME IN. SAKISAKA, YOU'RE IN THE NEXT ROOM.
WE'LL BE SPEAKING TO YOU SEPARATELY

IT'S NOT SUCH A BIG DEAL, SAKISAKA
WE SIMPLY WISH TO HEAR THE STORY
THAT'S LIKE AN INTERRO-GATION .
BUT .
TAKA-SHI.
YOU GOT IT, RIGHT ?!
WELL THEN, HIROSE.
YES

HE
TAKA-
SHI!!
WHAT'S HE PLANNING TO DO?
AS IF
SMILING LIKE THAT
SAKISAKA
HURRY UP.
AS IF
I

NONE OF THAT MATTERS
TO TAKASHI ...
HUH
EVERY-THING
THAT I'VE BEEN UNCERTAIN ABOUT IT THIS WHOLE TIME
THE FACT THAT IT'S WHAT I'VE BEEN AVOIDING MOST.
ONCE HE'S MADE UP HIS MIND TO DO SOMETHING, HE'LL DO IT NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS
WHAT WAS I SO AFRAID OF..?

SAKI-SAKA?
HA HA
HE REALLY IS FRIGHTENING
ALL THAT'S LEFT
IS FOR ME TO DO WHAT I CAN

SO DID YOU ADMIT IT AFTER ALL?
whoosh
whoosh
whoosh

laugh
YEAH.
whoosh
whoosh
RATTLE
NOT ESPE-CIALLY ...
I'D BE MORE BOTHERED BY YOU DISAP-PEARING
IT'S GOING TO BE TOUGH AFTER THIS
THE TEACHER'S FISTS CLENCHED AND HE WAS SHAKING

UNTIL I LOSE YOUR AFFECTION
I'LL STAY FOR GOOD.
WHOOSH
RATTLE
BY YOUR SIDE

whoosh
RATTLE
whoosh

1-A
ONE OF THEM'S GOING TO HAVE TO QUIT SCHOOL, RIGHT?
LOOKS LIKE THE RUMORS WERE TRUE.
YEAH, YEAH.
I HEARD THAT, TOO
IT SEEMS LIKE SAKI-SAKA'S GOING TO QUIT.
WHEN?
YOU TALKED TO SHOU?
SAKISAKA SAID IT WAS NOTHING.
SO WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU GUYS?
start
That was ahhh...

HE REALLY HAS NO PROBLEMS WITH LYING.
NO WAY !?
SHOCK
HE DOES THAT TO ME A HELLUVA LOT, TOO.
THE TRUTH IS THAT I SHOULD'VE BEEN PUNISHED, TOO.
IT'S TRUE.
I ADMITTED IT WHOLE-HEARTEDLY AND DIDN'T SHOW ANY SIGNS OF RECONSI-DERING .
MALE
EH
And why did you say such a thing.

SHOU EXPECTED THAT THEY'D BE ANGRY.
I'LL QUIT SCHOOL.
SO PLEASE LET HIROSE TAKASHI GO WITHOUT ANY PUNISHMENT.
...
...HE SAID, IT SEEMS
OH
Whoa
Is Sakisaka for real?
IT'S AMAZING THAT YOU AGREED TO IT.
I DIDN'T AGREE TO ANYTHING BY THE TIME I FOUND OUT, IT HAD ALREADY BEEN SETTLED AND
THEY COMPLETELY IGNORED ANYTHING I HAD TO SAY
All I could've done was something stupid like, quit too.
I SEE

I THOUGHT THIS TIME SHOU'D DEFINITELY OUTSMART THEM AND GET OFF.
Yeah.
SAKISAKA DID SAY BEFORE THAT HE'D BE QUITTING
AND THE GUY AT THE TOP OF THE CLASS IS IMPORTANT.
Damn
THANKS.
IF YOU WANT, YOU CAN TALK TO ME ABOUT IT.
YOU'VE GOT IT PRETTY TOUGH RIGHT NOW,
WITH THE RUMORS AND SUCH...
SHOU SAID THAT IF YOU HANG AROUND WITH ME, YOU'VE GOTTA BE READY TO DEAL WITH SOME UGLY RUMORS.
AH-
THAT'S RIGHT.
SO-
Sakisaka, that bastard!
HA HA HA

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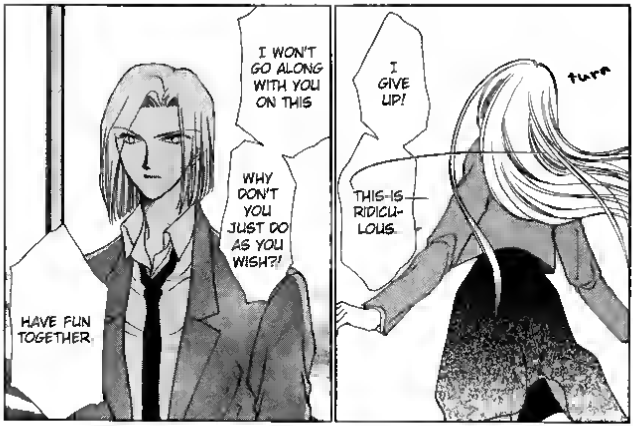
THE OTHER SIDE OF YOU

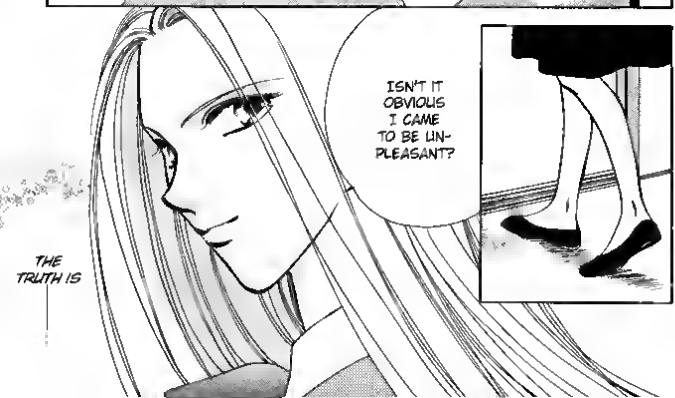
I WONDER WHY SOMEONE WHO'S SUPPOSED TO HAVE DROPPED OUT OF SCHOOL IS IN A PLACE LIKE THIS.
NO SPECIAL REASON... I JUST CAME TO GET MY THINGS
I'M GOING HOME IMMEDIATELY
IT WAS UNEXPECTEDLY NOT THAT IMPRESSIVE
YOUR WILLPOWER, I MEAN...
YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO PLACE MORE IMPORTANCE ON TAKASHI-KUN'S HAPPINESS THAN YOUR OWN.
IN THE BEGINNING, I ADMIRED THAT BUT
TO TREAT THE PERSON YOU LOVE THAT COLDLY...
THEN HE REACHES OUT HIS HAND TO YOU JUST A LITTLE AND YOU JUMP AT HIM.

IN THE END, AFTER ALL'S SAID AND DONE, IT'S YOUR OWN HAPPINESS THAT YOU'RE REACHING FOR?
ARE YOU HAPPY NOW?
WHY DON'T YOU SAY SOME-THING?
DON'T YOU HAVE ANYTHING TO SAY?
WELL...
I'LL GIVE YOU ONE PIECE OF ADVICE.
TAKASHI-KUN'S PROBABLY NOT IN LOVE WITH YOU.

I KNOW.
DIDN'T I ALREADY SAY SO?
IT DOESN'T MATTER.
I'VE
ALREADY PREPARED MYSELF FOR THAT.
I SEE.
squeeze


I WON'T GO ALONG WITH YOU ON THIS
WHY DON'T YOU JUST DO AS YOU WISH?!
HAVE FUN TOGETHER.
I GIVE UP!
THIS IS RIDICULOUS.
turn

WHY DID YOU COME?
AT THIS TIME OF THE NIGHT.
KANAKO
SEE YOU.


ISN'T IT OBVIOUS I CAME TO BE UNPLEASANT?
THE TRUTH IS

I CAME FOR THE SAME REASON SHOU DID.
I'M HEADING OUT NOW.

MORNING
He He
JUST AS I EXPECTED! YOU LOOK BOTHERED
EH-
NOT REALLY
JUST FOR TODAY, I'LL GO WITH YOU
SINCE IT'S THE LAST TIME I'LL DO IT.
OK?
HOW UNEXPECTED,
THAT SHOU WOULD CONFIRM THE RUMORS
I THOUGHT HE'D DEFINITELY CONTINUE TO DENY IT.
YEAH...
SEE?
DIDN'T YOU THINK SO, TOO, TAKASHI-KUN?

EH ...?
UM ...
THE ONE WHO SPREAD THE RUMORS WAS ME.
WHY ...?
WHY? WELL ...
I PROBABLY WANTED TO BE MEAN.
BECAUSE, AFTER ALL, I LIKE YOU AND,
THEN, WHEN SHOU LEFT, I'D BE THERE TO COMFORT YOU IN YOUR HEARTBREAK AND GRIEF
NATURALLY, I DIDN'T WANT THINGS TO GO WELL BETWEEN THE TWO OF YOU
WOULDN'T OUR RELATIONSHIP THEN HAVE TAKEN A GOOD TURN?

I see.
OH NO, PLEASE DON'T APOLOGIZE
SINCE THIS IS WHERE I'M SUPPOSED TO APOLOGIZE FOR SPREADING THOSE RUMORS.
GEEZ!
I'M SOR-RY.
I got slapped by Shou but
YOU'RE NOT ANGRY?
Ehh? He hit you? That's so mean of him.
WHAT I MEAN IS...
IT'S OVER AND DONE WITH SO.
IF THE RUMORS WERE LIES, I'D BE MAD BUT THEY WERE TRUE...

giggle
yeah
That's why I'm not especially
SHOU CAN'T WIN AGAINST YOU AT ALL
THAT SHOU WOULD BEND IN HIS CONVICTION IS EPOCH-MAKING
HE'S SO INCREDIBLY STUBBORN
Ha Ha Ha Ha
THE ONLY ONE WHO COULD SAY THAT IS YOU
BUT LATELY HE'S GOTTEN A LITTLE EASIER TO HANDLE

TAKASHI-KUN, YOU WIN BY BEING PERSISTENT.
I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THAT...
THAT MUST BE IT.
IF IT WEREN'T TAKASHI-KUN,
THINGS WOULD'VE TURNED OUT THE WAY I SHOU PLANNED THEM.
I WOULDN'T BE SMILING NOW THEY WAY I AM.
OR TO BE GLAD THAT I LIKE HIM EVEN KNOWING THAT IT WOULDN'T WORK OUT
I'M SURE I WOULDN'T BE THINKING THIS WAY.

Makeup Exams

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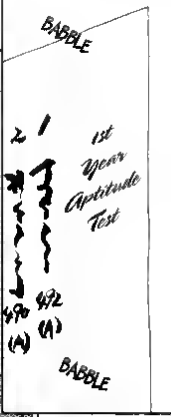
BABBLE
HE'S THE ONE, RIGHT? THE GUY WHO ENTERED THE SCHOOL IN THE TOP POSITION
BABBLE
WHAT A HUGE FALL
BABBLE
Wasn't he, cause was scoping around lights a guy?
BABBLE

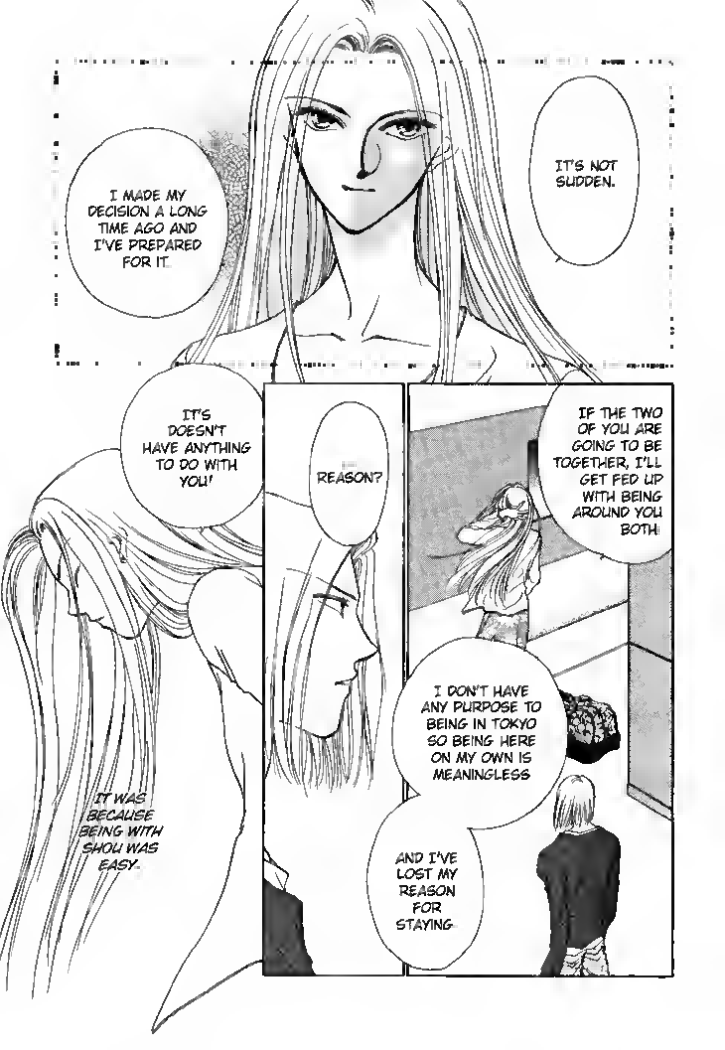


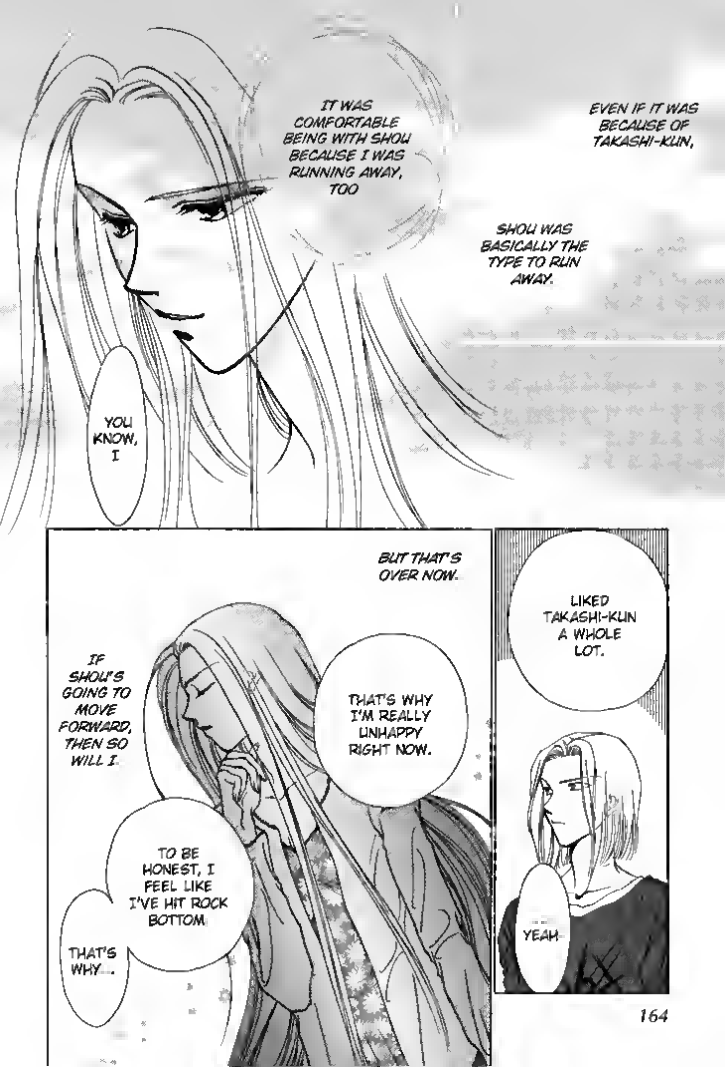
IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR SUCH, RAISE YOUR HANDS
SCRAWL
SCRAWL
SCRAWL
SMIRK
We've done this. We've done this. We've done this.
We did this yesterday.
Z...Z
We've done this a hundred times. We've done this...
THOSE IN THE BACK PLEASE COLLECT THE ANSWER SHEETS
NO
Not even one question...
Yeah
Zash
I THINK YOU'VE ALL ALREADY SEEN THE RESULTS OF THE APTITUDE TESTS ON THE BULLETIN BOARD BUT
THOSE WHO DIDN'T DO TOO WELL THIS TIME, TRY HARDER NEXT TIME!
DO YOUR BEST ON THE MAKEUP FOR THE MAKEUP
OKAY?
1-A
It may not be hard work...
Weep
NEXT, THIS IS RATHER SUDDEN BUT...

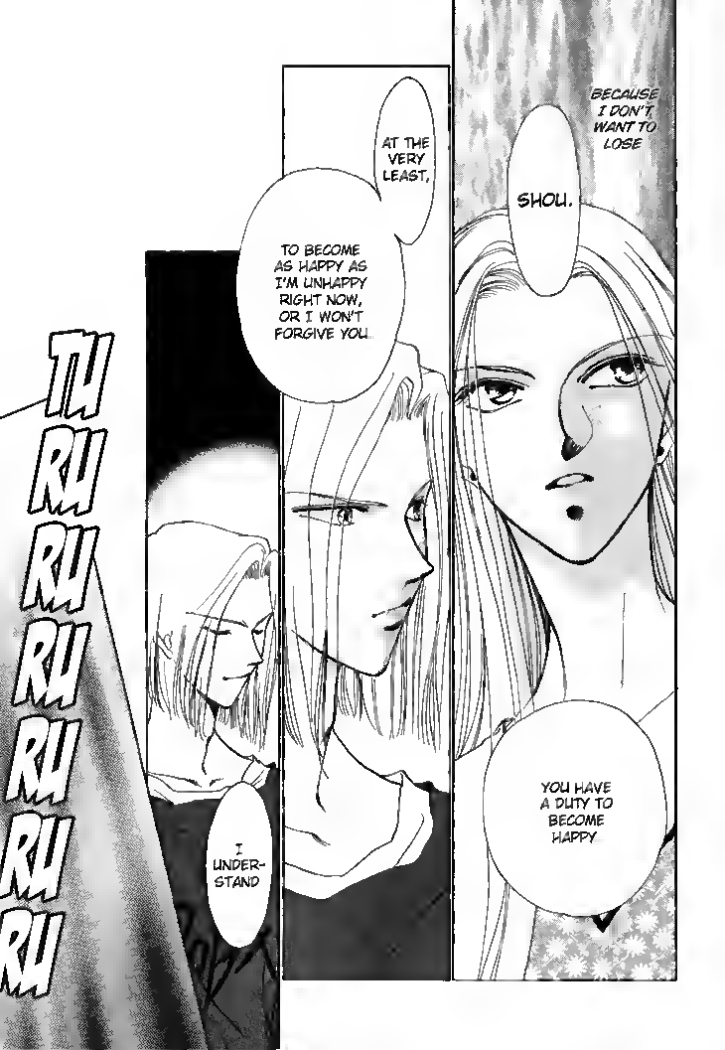
KIRISHIMA KANAKO HAS TRANSFERRED TO FUKUOKA
RATTLE
WHAT IS IT? SIT DOWN, HIROSE
I'll have got anything to do with Sakuda quitting.
TABLE
Eh
DIDN'T SHE COME TO SCHOOL WITH ME?
BUT BUT THIS MORNING JUST A LITTLE WHILE AGO

EH?
SHE'S TRANSFERRED TO FUKUOKA!
BUT SHE CAME TO SCHOOL WITH ME THIS MORNING!?
ALRIGHT, I'LL TRY CALLING HER RELATIVES.
I'LL CALL YOU BACK
東京
とうきょう
Tōkyō
SWARM
SWARM
SWARM

OH, IT'S YOU, SHOU.
I WANTED TAKASHI-KUN TO COME.
DON'T BE UNREA-SONABLE.
I JUST FOUND OUT A MOMENT AGO AND HAD TO RUSH HERE.
WHY DIDN'T YOU SAY ANYTHING EARLIER?
AND WHY ARE YOU SUDDENLY DOING THIS?
QUITTING SCHOOL HERE AND GOING BACK.
WHAT ARE YOU THINKING?!
SWARM
SWARM
SWARM


I MADE MY DECISION A LONG TIME AGO AND I'VE PREPARED FOR IT.
IT'S NOT SUDDEN.
IT'S DOESN'T HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH YOU!
REASON?
IF THE TWO OF YOU ARE GOING TO BE TOGETHER, I'LL GET FED UP WITH BEING AROUND YOU BOTH!
I DON'T HAVE ANY PURPOSE TO BEING IN TOKYO SO BEING HERE ON MY OWN IS MEANINGLESS
AND I'VE LOST MY REASON FOR STAYING
IT WAS BECAUSE BEING WITH SHOU WAS EASY.


IT WAS COMFORTABLE BEING WITH SHOU BECAUSE I WAS RUNNING AWAY, TOO
EVEN IF IT WAS BECAUSE OF TAKASHI-KUN,
SHOU WAS BASICALLY THE TYPE TO RUN AWAY.
YOU KNOW, I
BUT THAT'S OVER NOW.
IF SHOU'S GOING TO MOVE FORWARD, THEN SO WILL I.
THAT'S WHY I'M REALLY UNHAPPY RIGHT NOW.
TO BE HONEST, I FEEL LIKE I'VE HIT ROCK BOTTOM.
THAT'S WHY...
LIKED TAKASHI-KUN A WHOLE LOT.
...YEAH.


BECAUSE I DON'T WANT TO LOSE
SHOU.
YOU HAVE A DUTY TO BECOME HAPPY
AT THE VERY LEAST,
TO BECOME AS HAPPY AS I'M UNHAPPY RIGHT NOW, OR I WON'T FORGIVE YOU
I UNDER-STAND
TU RU RU RU RU RU RU

RU RU RU RU RU RU RU RU
IF YOU
LET YOURSELF BE BOTHERED
BY THINGS LIKE SOCIETY OR COMMON SENSE, TELL ME
I'LL COME AND BREAK THINGS UP FOR YOU AGAIN
.....
...I'LL TELL YOU.

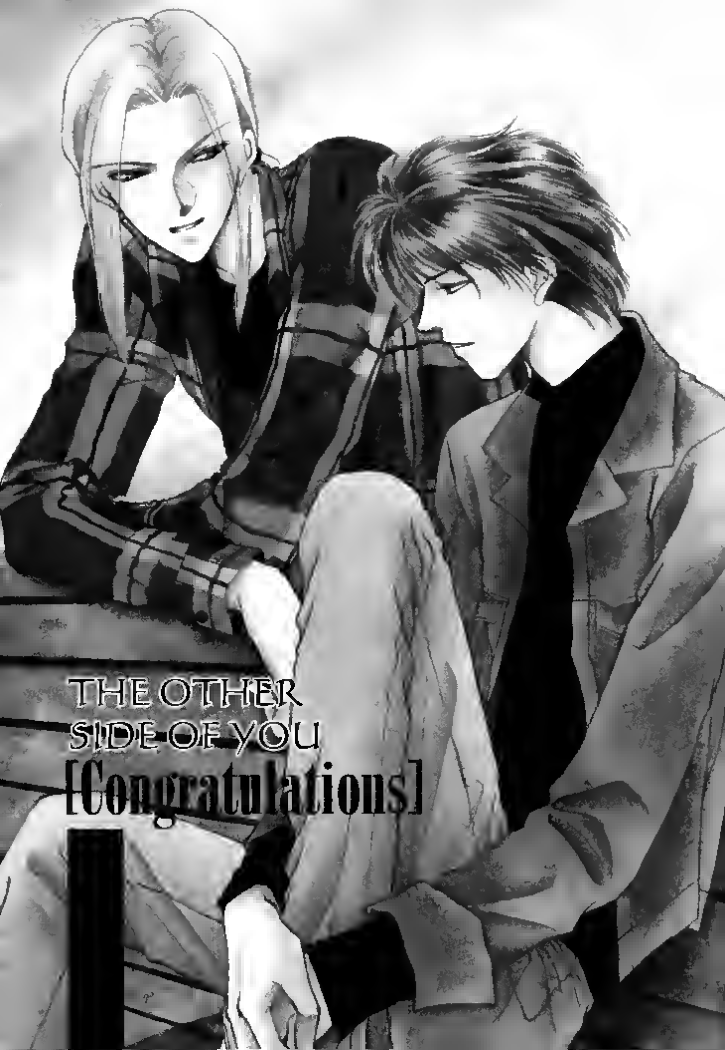
STEP
STEP
STEP
RU
RU
RU
RU
RU
RU

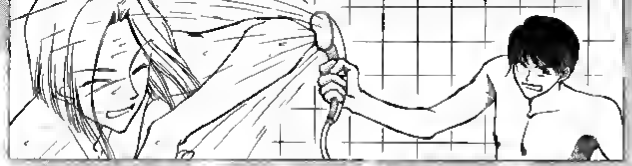
Haa
AHHHH, SHIT.
I ALMOST MADE IT.
WHAT DID SHE SAY?
gasp
Haa
"I ENJOYED EVERY MORNING A LOT."

I SEE..
Ha Ha
DO THINGS LIKE DISAPPEAR WITHOUT TELLING ANYONE?
WHY DO YOU GUYS
But, you know
AND IN THIS WAY, THE SPRING OF MY FIRST YEAR IN HIGH SCHOOL HURRIEDLY CAME TO AN END
IN THE END, IT SEEMS THAT SHOU DECIDED TO TAKE THE UNIVERSITY PRE-ADMISSIONS QUALIFYING EXAM WITHOUT GOING TO ANOTHER HIGH SCHOOL.
AS FOR ME...
shaking with anger.

YOU'RE DISOWNED!
GET OUT!
Eh-
AGH, THAT'S WHY I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY YOU'RE SO STUPIDLY HONEST.
LIKE MORE
Sorry
I WAS KICKED OUT OF THE HOUSE AND AM GOING TO START LIVING WITH SHOU.
Even though what I have to say is already too late
AREN'T THERE OTHER WAYS YOU COULD'VE HANDLED IT?

[memory: 11] **END**


THE OTHER
SIDE OF YOU
[Congratulations]



I WONDER HOW MUCH LONGER WE CAN BE TOGETHER ...

I'VE ALREADY PREPARED MYSELF.

SOME YEARS AGO, THAT WAS WHAT I TOLD KANAKO

DON'T HAVE THE RIGHT TO DECIDE BUT ...

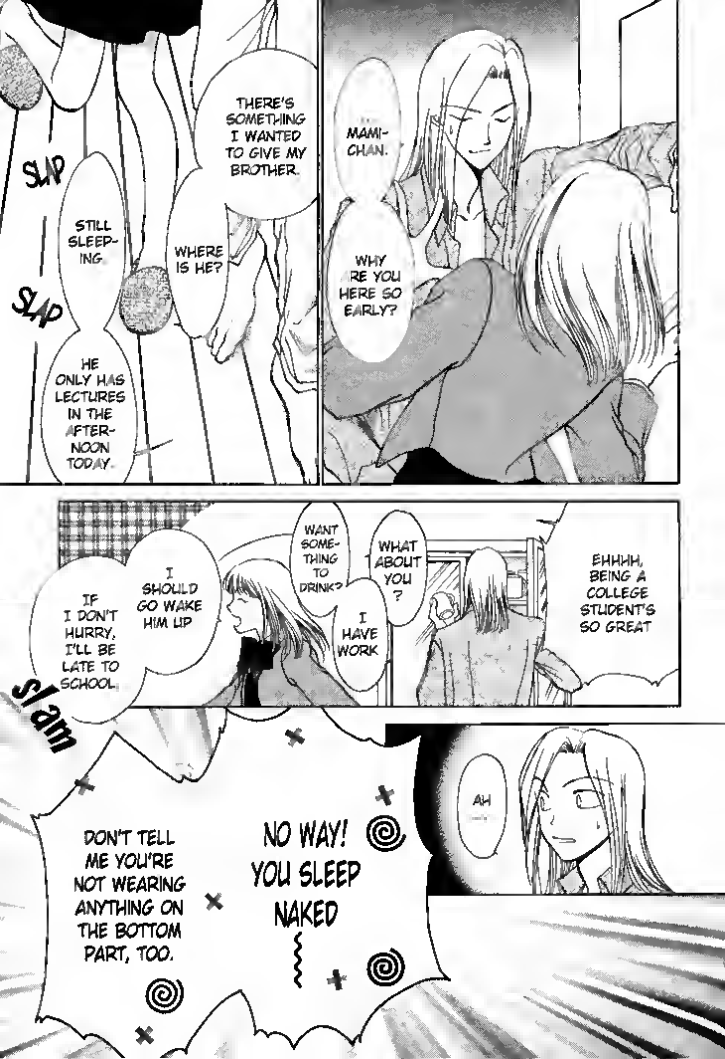
I...

SHE KNEW, PROBABLY, WHAT I MEANT.

SHE DIDN'T ASK ME WHAT IT WAS I'D PREPARED MYSELF FOR.

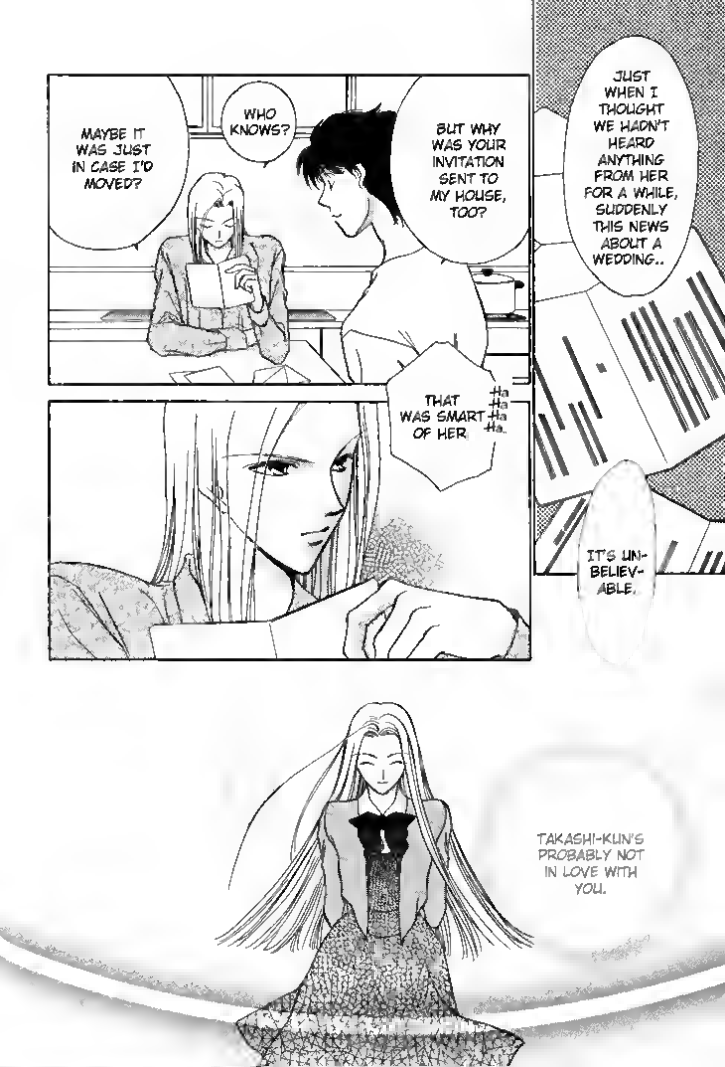
I WONDER MUCH LONGER I CAN STAY BY HIS SIDE.

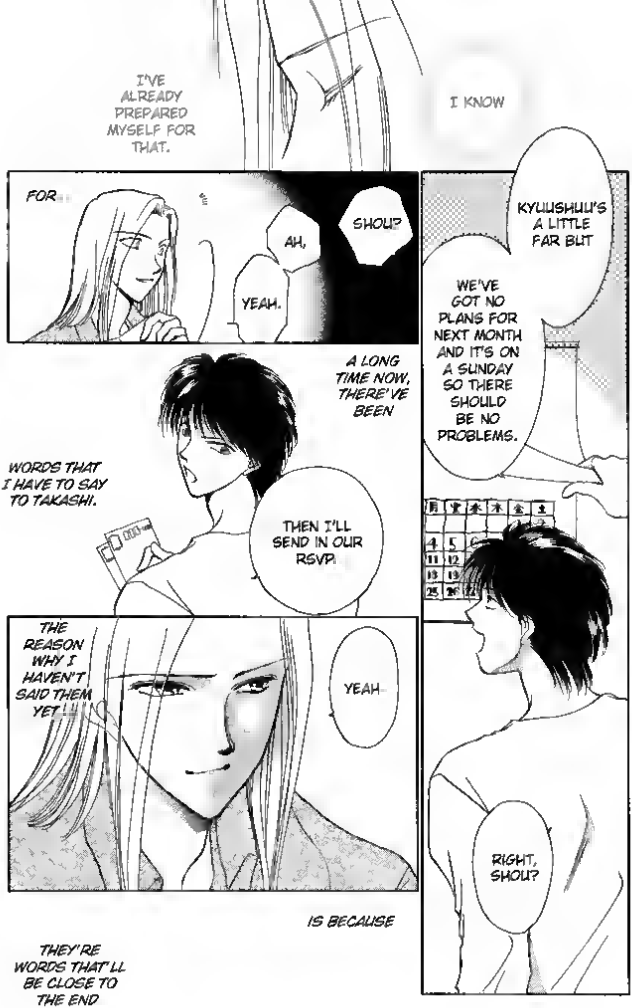
WAKE UP, TAKASHI!
NN
WHAT TIME IS IT?
7:30.
YOU'RE GOING TO BE LATE
MY MORNING LECTURES ARE CANCELLED TODAY...
YOU SHOULD'VE TOLD ME BEFORE-HAND
DING DONG
Who is it this early in the morning?
DING DONG
Yes yes.
ta-Daaa


THERE'S SOMETHING I WANTED TO GIVE MY BROTHER.
WHERE IS HE?
SLAP
STILL SLEEPING.
SLAP
HE ONLY HAS LECTURES IN THE AFTERNOON TODAY.
...MAMI-CHAN.
WHY RE YOU HERE SO EARLY?
EHHHH, BEING A COLLEGE STUDENT'S SO GREAT
WHAT ABOUT YOU?
I HAVE WORK
WANT SOMETHING TO DRINK?
I SHOULD GO WAKE HIM UP
IF I DON'T HURRY, I'LL BE LATE TO SCHOOL.
Slam
AH...
NO WAY! YOU SLEEP NAKED
DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE NOT WEARING ANYTHING ON THE BOTTOM PART, TOO.

Ewwwww
Y-Y-YOU
MAMI, YOU...
YOU'RE NOT ALLOWED TO COME IN!
FINE. I'LL HAVE SHOU-KUN LET ME IN
Right, Shou-kun?
SO THERE
NO NO NO!
SHOU CAN'T COME IN, TOO
That's impossible for me.

OH, YOU REALLY WANT THAT?
WELL THEN, I GUESS I WON'T BE GIVING YOU THIS.
AND I EVEN WENT TO THE TROUBLE OF PICKING IT OUT OF THE TRASH CAN FOR YOU!
THERE IS NO TAKASHI IN THIS FAMILY.
Hmph.
Threw it away when he was sure he'd be seen.
THIS IS...
AN INVITATION TO A WEDDING
FROM KANAKO
EH?


JUST WHEN I THOUGHT WE HADN'T HEARD ANYTHING FROM HER FOR A WHILE, SUDDENLY THIS NEWS ABOUT A WEDDING..
IT'S UN-BELIEV-ABLE.
BUT WHY WAS YOUR INVITATION SENT TO MY HOUSE, TOO?
WHO KNOWS?
MAYBE IT WAS JUST IN CASE I'D MOVED?
THAT WAS SMART OF HER.
Ha Ha Ha Ha.
TAKASHI-KUN'S PROBABLY NOT IN LOVE WITH YOU.

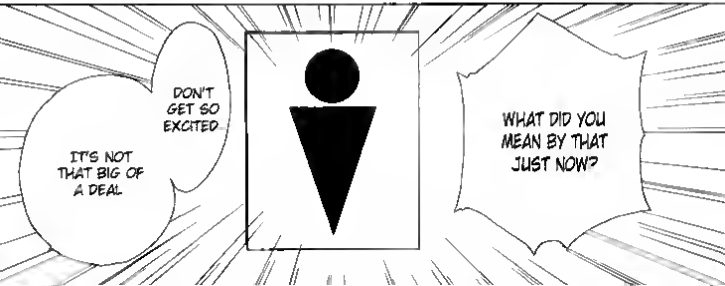

I'VE ALREADY PREPARED MYSELF FOR THAT.
I KNOW
FOR...
AH, YEAH.
SHOU?
KYUUSHUU'S A LITTLE FAR BUT
WE'VE GOT NO PLANS FOR NEXT MONTH AND IT'S ON A SUNDAY SO THERE SHOULD BE NO PROBLEMS.
A LONG TIME NOW, THERE'VE BEEN
WORDS THAT I HAVE TO SAY TO TAKASHI.
THEN I'LL SEND IN OUR RSVP.
THE REASON WHY I HAVEN'T SAID THEM YET
YEAH.
RIGHT, SHOU?
IS BECAUSE
THEY'RE WORDS THAT'LL BE CLOSE TO THE END

FWISH
CLAP
CLAP
CLAP
CLAP
CLAP
CLAP
CLAP
CLAP
CLAP
AND NOW THE NEW BRIDE AND GROOM WILL ENTER

SHE LOOKS GREAT.
... YEAH
SHE SEEMS SO ADULT, KIND OF.
YOU HAVE A DUTY TO BECOME HAPPY.
OR I WON'T FORGIVE YOU.
TO BECOME AS HAPPY AS I'M UNHAPPY RIGHT NOW
THAT'S RIGHT.
TAKASHI. THERE'S SOMETHING I WANT TO S, Y TO YOU.
I'VE BEEN PLENTY HAPPY UP UNTIL NOW

EH?
OUR RELATIONSHIP——!!
WE CAN END IT WHENEVER YOU FEEL LIKE IT.
I'LL ABIDE BY WHATEVER DECISION YOU MAKE—
RATTLE

whisper
LET'S LEAVE


DON'T GET SO EXCITED
IT'S NOT THAT BIG OF A DEAL
WHAT DID YOU MEAN BY THAT JUST NOW?

I DON'T UNDERSTAND THIS. EXPLAIN IT TO ME.
NOT THAT BIG OF A DEAL...
YOU DON'T HAVE TO UNDERSTAND IT NOW.
JUST REMEMBER IT WHEN THE TIME COMES.
WHEN WHAT TIME COMES?
TO SAY IT MORE CLEARLY
TAKASHI'S RESPONSE IS
EXACTLY AS I EXPECTED
WHEN YOU DON'T WANT TO CONTINUE THIS RELATIONSHIP ANYMORE OR
WHEN YOU'VE FOUND A WOMAN THAT YOU LIKE
IT'S HOPELESS.
SO,
YOU'RE INDIRECTLY SAYING THAT WE SHOULD BREAK UP?

THIS WILL PROBABLY BE THE END.
TH..IT'S NOT IT.
THAT'S NOT WHAT I'M THINKING.
IF POSSI-BLE, I WOULD HAVE WANTED A LIFE-TIME
THEN WHY...
I DON'T UNDERS-TAND
IN OTHER WORDS
YOU'RE SAYING YOU HAVE NO FAITH IN ME...?
YOU'RE CONFUSING THE IDEAS OF WANTING TO BE WITH ME AND LOVE
I'VE TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF THAT AND WE'VE BEEN TOGETHER UNTIL NOW.
IT'S PROBABLY TIME FOR YOU TO REALIZE IT.

SLAP
YOU...
ARE YOU TRYING TO MAKE A FOOL OF ME?!
WHEN ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
THAT'S STUFF FROM A LONG TIME AGO.

YOU'RE HORRIBLE, IF YOU'VE BEEN THINKING LIKE THAT THIS WHOLE TIME.
YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND ANYTHING.
I'D ALREADY REALIZED LONG AGO
THAT I...
THE NEWLYWEDS WILL NOW LEAVE THEIR SEATS FOR A BRIEF PERIOD

CLAP
CLAP
CLAP
CLAP
MUTTERED
I'D ALREADY
REALIZED LONG AGO
THAT I

LOVE YOU.
come
come

HERE I GO
IS THIS REALLY OK? HE'S THE HUSBAND.
WHY NOT? IT'S FINE.
CLICK
HERE... THIS.
Could it be there's a problem?
WHAT HAP-PENED?
So
It must be?
Why a friend from high school

IT LOOKS LIKE THINGS ARE GOING INCREDIBLY WELL
I SEE.
And at my wedding too.
THAT'S
I JUST FOUND OUT A MOMENT AGO BUT
murmur
!
BECAUSE I'M EX-PECTING.
OH
WHAT I SAID BEFORE ABOUT BREAKING YOU TWO UP
Heeey, we have to go now
I CAN'T DO IT AT ALL NEXT YEAR
IT'S TOP SECRET
Time's running out so please hurry.
?
I SEE

I DIDN'T UNDERSTAND ANYTHING ABOUT YOU
I'm not going to forgive you that easily
I DIDN'T HAVE ANY FAITH IN YOU.
sniffle
RRRRR
I'M SORRY.
WHAT ARE YOU LAUGHING ABOUT?
IS THAT HOW YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO ACT WHEN APOLOGIZING?
BECAUSE I'M REALLY SERIOUSLY PISSED OFF.

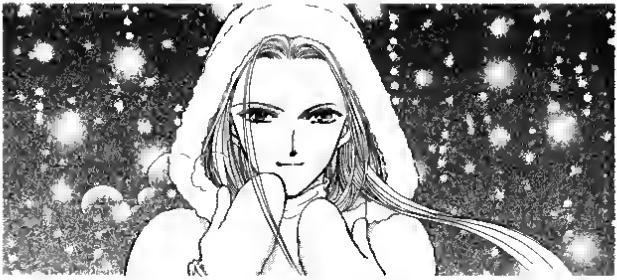
GEEZ.
BUT
SORRY
IT'S JUST TOO STUPID

TAKASHI
RIGHT NOW, I...
DON'T CARE WHAT HAPPENS TO ME.
I DON'T CARE IF I DIE NOW.
DON'T SAY SOMETHING SO STUPID.
I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE FUTURE WILL BRING

EVERYONE FEELS THAT WAY
Ah, stop flushing. You're making me nervous, too...
WH-WHY?
FOR SOME REASON, I FEEL NERVOUS LIKE IT'S OUR FIRST TIME.
WE'LL CONTINUE TO CHOOSE OVER AND OVER AGAIN
'TIL DEATH DO US PART.
[Congratulations]
END

TAKASHI HIROSE

TOSHIMI ARINA PRESENTS



How's everyone doing? Here's the 2nd book. This time, there aren't any new drawings but I drew in the extra section what I was thinking of drawing so I have no regrets. Well, drawing something as an extra is far different from doing it for the main story.

This manga was published in Chara Selection just as this book was being put together. There were blank parts and it was in a strange situation as the publication began when we were halfway into it. It was quite difficult. What's more, for some reason, when I was working on this manga was there a crisis in my private life.. I'm not sure if it was fate. ¿ Even so, I'm glad this manga was safely completed. Thank you for reading it. Let's meet again on the pages of some other book.

1999 ‖ Arina Toshimi

Wow~~~ There's a blackout. Thank goodness it's daytime.